

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

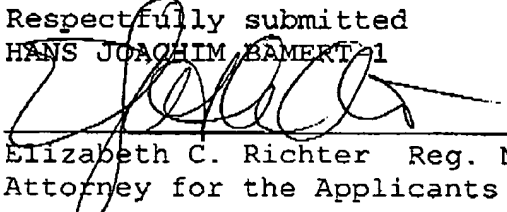
Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 56-68 are in the application. Claim 68 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claim 68, stating that the term "sleeve-like" is unclear. Applicant has amended claim 68 to delete the term "sleeve-like". The remaining claims are allowed. Applicant submits that claims 56-68 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted  
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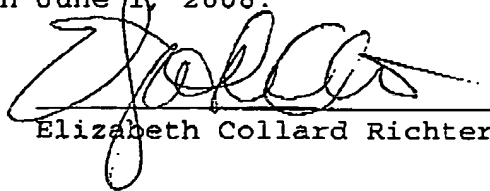
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